

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A system comprising:

a security management system comprising:

a network security feedback and control system wherein said security feedback and control system receives a plurality of normalized events and issues at least one normalized command in response to a predefined event in said plurality of normalized events.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1 wherein said network security feedback and control system comprises:

a feedback and control manager wherein said feedback and control manager processes said at least one normalized event and generates said at least one normalized command.

3. (Original) The security management system of Claim 2 wherein said feedback and control manager includes at least one rules engine wherein said rules engine includes a rule having a condition object that uses information from said at least one normalized event.

4. (Original) The system of Claim 1 further comprising:

a managed node coupled to said security management system.

5. (Original) The system of Claim 4 wherein said managed node further comprises:

a security management agent executing on said managed node.

6. (Original) The system of Claim 5 further comprising:
at least one managed product coupled to said security management agent wherein said at least one managed product forwards at least one of said normalized events to said security management agent and receives normalized commands from said security management agent.
7. (Original) The system of Claim 1 further comprising:
a security management agent coupled to said network security feedback and control system wherein said security management agent collects normalizes events and forwards said normalized events to said security management system.
8. (Original) The system of Claim 7 further comprising:
at least one managed product coupled to said security management agent wherein said at least one managed product transfers at least one normalized event to said security management agent.
9. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
an event subscription filter, said event subscription filter for receiving a plurality of normalized events from managed products and for passing normalized events, for which said system is registered, to a feedback and control manager; and
a feedback and control manager coupled to said event subscription filter, wherein said feedback and control manager processes at least one normalized event received from said event subscription filter and issues at least one normalized command for use in dynamically implementing a predefined security policy.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 9 further comprising:
a knowledge database coupled to said feedback and control manager.
11. (Original) The system of Claim 9 further comprising:
a directory coupled to said feedback and control manager.
12. (Original) The system of Claim 11 further comprising:
a configuration adapter connected between said feedback and control manager and said directory.
13. (Original) The system of Claim 9 wherein said feedback and control system further comprises a rules engine coupled to said event subscription filter.
14. (Original) The system of Claim 9 further comprising:
a security management agent coupled to said event subscription filter.
15. (Original) The system of Claim 14 further comprising:
at least one managed product coupled to said security management agent
16. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving a plurality of normalized events from managed products by a network security feedback and control system; and
using information in said plurality of normalized events by said network feedback and control system in dynamically implementing a predefined security policy by

issuing at least one normalized command in response to a predefined event in said plurality of normalized events.

17. (Currently amended) A computer-program product comprising a computer-readable medium containing computer program code for a method comprising:

receiving a plurality of normalized events from managed products by a network security feedback and control system; and

using information in said plurality of normalized events by said network feedback and control system in dynamically implementing a predefined security policy by issuing at least one normalized command in response to a predefined event in said plurality of normalized events.

18. (Currently amended) A structure comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of normalized events from managed products by a network security feedback and control system; and

means for using information in said plurality of normalized events by said network feedback and control system in dynamically implementing a predefined security policy by issuing at least one normalized command in response to a predefined event in said plurality of normalized events.

Claims 19-67. (Cancelled)